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Applicant(s):

Steven J. CARPENTER

Title:

Sir:

VIBRATORY FINISHER WITH BLASTING NOZZLE

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This is a request for filing a [ ] continuation [ ] divisional [X] continuation-in-part application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of pending prior application:

Serial No.: 09/732 794

Filed: December 8, 2000

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For: CHAMBER-TYPE VIBRATORY FINISHER WITH BLASTING NOZZLE

Group: 3723

Examiner: E. Morgan

The disclosure of this prior parent application, as well as any applications from which this prior application may claim priority, is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

## Enclosed are:

- [ ] A copy of the prior application in which no new matter is presented, including the oath or declaration.
- [X]Specification (for a continuation-in-part application)
- Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53, the above-identified application is [X] being submitted without the filing fee, and it is respectfully requested that this application be granted a serial number and filing date and that the undersigned be notified of the date by which the filing fee must be submitted.
- [X] The inventor(s) is(are) 1) Steven J. CARPENTER residing at East Jordan, Michigan having the following post office address(es): 9115 Village Road, East Jordan, Michigan 49727 and having the following citizenship: United States.
- THE UNDERSIGNED ATTORNEY OF RECORD STATES THAT SMALL ENTITY [X] STATUS IS BEING CLAIMED. 37 CFR §1.27(c)(2) as amended 65 Fed. Reg. 54603, dated September 8, 2000.





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|  |               | prior application before calculating the filing fee. (Retain    |
|  |               | at least one independent claim.)                                |
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|  |               | application and abandon said prior application as of the filing |
|  |               | date accorded this application. A duplicate copy of this sheet  |
|  |               | is enclosed for filing in the prior application file. (May      |
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|  |               | application.  |
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- [] An Amendment Before First Office Action is enclosed. (Claims added are numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim.)
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- [X] Acknowledgment Postal Card

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